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SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK ON AUGUST 7 SIGNED A RETURN GOA
NOTE TO THIS EMBASSY COMPLETING AN INTERIM US/AUSTRALIA NUCLEAR
SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. THE AGREEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED IN CANBERRA
ON AUGUST 8 BY THE GOA, BUT PEACOCK HAS NOT YET RETURNED FROM
VACATION AND STILL HAS WITH HIM THE GOA REPLY. WE WILL SEND IT
TO THE DEPARTMENT (L/T) WITH TWO CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE US
NOTE BY THE EARLIEST AVAILABLE POUCH - PROBABLY EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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2. PEACOCK'S OFFICE ALSO ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING
THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR TRADE AND RESOURCES
DOUG ANTHONY INITIALLED A SAFE-GUARDS AGREEMENT WITH THE
PHILIPPINES IN MANILA ON AUGUST 7. NEWS REPORTS EMANATING FROM
BOTH CANBERRA AND MANILA INDICATE THAT GOA/GOP AGREEMENT
EMBODIES (A) AN UNDERTAKING THAT NUCLEAR MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY
AUSTRALIA WILL NOT BE DIVERTED TO MILITARY OR EXPLOSIVE PURPOSES;

(B) THE APPLICATION OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS; (C) THE REQUIREMENT FOR AUSTRALIA'S PRIOR CONSENT BEFORE ANY RETRANSFER, HIGH ENRICHMENT, OR PREPROCESSING OF MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY AUSTRALIA; (D) PROVISIONS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY (PRESUMABLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH INFCIRC 225/REV 1). THE GOA/GOP AGREEMENT ALSO CONTAINS A SANCTIONS ARTICLE ACKNOWLEDGING AUSTRALIA'S RIGHT TO SUSPEND SUPPLIES, ARBITRATION PROCEDURES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND AN ARTICLE ON COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

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